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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005, with the three month shortened statutory period for response under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) set to expire on December 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This response is timely filed within three-months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action on Friday, December 9, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.